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REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Mail Stop CPA Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) as a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of prior Application No. 09/435,562, filed on November 8, 1999, entitled METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE OCCLUSION, by inventors: Erik J. van der Burg, Dino De Cicco, Andrew G.C. Frazier, Alex K. Khairkahan, Marc S. Kriedler, Michael D. Lesh, Chad C. Roue

(X) A three-month extension for responding to the PTO communication mailed January 2, 2003 in the prior application is hereby requested.

Time Extension Fee:

- () One Month (\$110)
- () Two Month (\$410)
- (X) Three Month (\$930)

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(X) A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with twenty four (24) references is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended above.

| | FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------------|------|---------|
| | Total Claims | 83 - 20 = | 63 × | \$18 | \$1,134 |
| | Independent Claims | 8 - 3 = | 5 × | \$84 | \$420 |
| | Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) + \$280 | | | | \$0 |
| 07/08/2003 AWONDAF1 00000129 09435562 BASIC FEE | | | | | + \$750 |
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| | TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | \$2,304 |
| | Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity (note: 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). If applicable, verified statement must be attached. | | | | - \$0 |
| | Time Extension Fee | | | | \$930 |
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| | | | TOTAL | | \$3,234 |

- (X) The power of attorney in the prior application is to the law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP (Customer No. 20,995).
- (x) A check in the amount of \$3,234 is enclosed.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below.

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